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SUBJECT: COMPLAINTS RECEIVED FROM UK COMPANIES AND INDIVIDUALS AGAINST U.S. GOVT PRINTING OFFICE

- 1. NUMEROUS COMPLAINTS HAVE REACHED THE EMBASSY OVER A PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY FIVE YEARS, FROM UK COMPANIES AND INDIVIDUALS REGARDING THE APPARENT INEFFICIENCY OF OPERATIONS OF U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE. COMPANIES HAVE REPORTED LOSS OF ORDERS AND REMITTANCES FORWARDED, NON-ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF FOLLOW-UP INQUIRIES, AND EXCESSIVE DELAYS IN DELIVERY TIMES, SOME AS LONG AS TWO YEARS. SITUATION IS PARTICULARLY FRUSTRATING TO EDUCATIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC ESTABLISHMENTS WHICH REQUIRE SPECIALIZED BOOKS WITH GPO ONLY SOURCE OF SUPPLY.

 2. EMBASSY IS IN EMBARRASSING POSITION OF HAVING TO MAKE EXCUSES TO USUALLY IRATE COMPLAINANTS ON BEHALF OF GPO WHILE BEING UNABLE TO OFFER ANY HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS
- 3. THE EMBASSY IS BRINGING THIS MATTER TO ATTENTION OF THE DEPARTMENT AND WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE AS TO BEST COURSE OF ACTION IN REPLYING TO ANY FURTHER COMPLAINTS OF THIS KIND.

AS TO HOW THE PARTICULAR PROBLEMS MAY BE RESOLVED.

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